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TRAVIS CO. J.V., § ROGER HILL, SR. and § **CHRISTOPHER HILL** 0000000 Plaintiffs, **CASE NO. 06-CV-146** v. § HENNESSEE GROUP, L.L.C., § § ELIZABETH LEE HENNESSEE and CHARLES J. GRADANTE § § Defendants.

MOTION TO STAY CLAIMS PENDING ARBITRATION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COME Plaintiffs Travis Co. J.V., Roger Hill, Sr., and Christopher Hill (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), and file this Motion to Stay Claims Pending Arbitration seeking to have Plaintiffs claims against Elizabeth Lee Hennessee abated pending arbitration of those claims before the NASD. In support of this Motion, Plaintiffs state as follows:

- 1. In December 2005, Travis Co. J.V., Roger Hill, Sr., and Bruce Hill filed this lawsuit against defendants in Bexar County District Court. Shortly thereafter, defendants removed that case to federal court. Plaintiffs amended their complaint on April 17, 2006. With their latest pleading, former plaintiff Bruce Hill abandoned his claims and Chris Hill was added as a Plaintiff.
- 2. On Friday, April 22, 2006, all of the current Plaintiffs submitted online claims against Elizabeth Lee Hennessee to the National Association of Securities Dealers. The NASD Statement of Claim is substantially similar to the claims against Ms. Hennessee pending in this court.



- 3. Ms. Hennesssee is a licensed securities broker and an associated person of an NASD member firm. Plaintiffs claims arise out of Ms. Hennessee's business. Thus, Plaintiffs are entitled to bring their claims against Ms. Hennessee before the NASD for arbitration. NASD Rule 10310(a).
- 4. To avoid duplicative proceedings against Ms. Hennessee, Plaintiffs request pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §3, that this Court stay the trial of their federal court action against her until arbitration has been completed. Plaintiffs, however, request that the court continue its jurisdiction for purposes of enforcing subpoenas to compel attendance of witnesses at deposition or at the arbitration hearing, and/or for confirming any arbitration award that may be entered. 9 U.S.C. §§ 7, 9.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Plaintiffs request that the Court stay all pending claims by Plaintiffs against Defendant Elizabeth Lee Hennessee pending arbitration before NASD.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

TRAVIS CO. J.V.,	§	
ROGER HILL, SR. and	§	
CHRISTOPHER HILL	§	
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Plaintiffs,	<i>©</i>	
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HENNESSEE GROUP, L.L.C.,	§	
ELIZABETH LEE HENNESSEE	§	
and CHARLES J. GRADANTE	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

ORDER ON MOTION TO STAY

On this day, Plaintiffs' Motion to Stay Claims Pending Arbitration came before the Court.

After considering the Motion, the status of the case, and the authorities presented, the Court is of the opinion that the Motion should be GRANTED.

It is therefore ORDERED that the above-caption claims as they relate to Defendant Elizabeth

Lee Hennessee are hereby STAYED pending NASD arbitration of Plaintiffs substantially similar

claims against Ms. Hennessee.

SIGNED this day of _	, 2006.
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	Fred Biery United States District Judge